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For: Method And Apparatus For Forming Damascene  
Structure, and Damascene Structure

**REAFFIRMATION OF CLAIM FOR PRIORITY**

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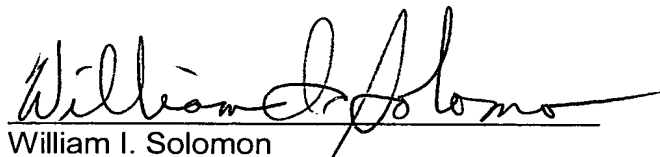
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Sir:

Pursuant to the provisions of 35 USC §119 and 37 CFR §1.55, Applicants hereby claim the right of priority based on Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-266371, filed in Japan on September 12, 2002.

A certified copy of the above-mentioned Japanese Patent Application was submitted on February 13, 2003, in prior Application Serial No. 10/365,642, filed February 13, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,

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